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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S REMARKS AT SWEARING-IN OF AMBASSADOR
MAYTAG

1. AT SWEARING-IN FOR AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE MAYTAG MARCH 8,
SECRETARY KISSINGER MADE THE FOLLOWING REMARKS. AMBASSADOR
KHATRI WAS PRESENT, AND COPY IS BEING PROVIDED TO
NEPALESE EMBASSY.

2. QUOTE: MADAM AMBASSADOR, SENATOR GOLDWATER, LADIES
AND GENTLEMEN:

I DO NOT SWEAR IN MANY AMBASSADORS, BUT I TRY TO SWEAR
IN THE LADY AMBASSADORS BECAUSE I CAN EXERCISE SOME RIGHTS
WITH RESPECT TO THEM, BUT THERE ARE MANY REASONS WHY I
AM HERE TODAY. FIRST, I NOTICED IN LOOKING OVER THE
BIOGRAPHY OF THE NEW AMBASSADOR THAT SHE WAS A MEMBER OF
THE CONSERVATIVE UNION, OF THE CONSERVATIVE CLUB HERE IN
WASHINGTON AT ONE TIME, AND I HAVE TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE
CONSERVATIVE WHO IS WORKING FOR ME. SECONDLY, I WILL
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COME TO ANYTHING THAT MY FRIEND BARRY CONSIDERS IMPORTANT,

AND THIRDLY IT IS RARE THAT WE CAN SEND TO ANOTHER COUNTRY
AN AMBASSADOR SO WELL QUALIFIED AND WITH SUCH A PROFOUND
INTEREST BASED ON MANY YEARS OF STUDY AS WE ARE FORTUNATE

TO DO IN THIS CASE. NEPAL IS A RELATIVELY SMALL COUNTRY
BUT THE WORLD THAT WE ARE TRYING TO BRING ABOUT MUST
HAVE A PLACE WHERE ALL COUNTRIES, THE LARGE AS WELL AS
THE SMALL, CAN LIVE IN PEACE AND WHERE THEY CAN PROGRESS
AND WHERE DECISIONS ARE MADE NOT SIMPLY BY THE POWER OF
STRONG NEIGHBORS. WE VALUE NEPAL'S CALM AND DECENT
VOICE IN A PART OF THE WORLD WHERE STRIDENCY IS NOT
ALWAYS ABSENT. WE APPRECIATE THAT NEPAL HAS MADE ITS
INDEPENDENT JUDGMENT ON WORLD AFFAIRS WITHOUT BEING
SEDUCED BY THE SLOGANS OF BLOCKS AND EVEN THE ALIGNMENT
OF THE NON-ALIGNED. WE APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO
WORK WITH NEPAL ON ITS PROGRESS AND TO SUPPORT ITS
INDEPENDENCE AND WE KNOW THAT IN OUR NEW AMBASSADOR
WE HAVE SOMEBODY WHO LOVES THE COUNTRY, WHO IS DEDICATED
TO IMPROVING THE RELATIONSHIP AND WHO WILL CERTAINLY NOT
LET US IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT FORGET, AND IF WE FORGET
YOUR FRIENDS WILL REMIND US WHAT OUR DUTY IS, BUT WE
HAVE NO INTENTION OF FORGETTING IT AND I LOOK FORWARD
TO WORKING WITH YOU AND PERHAPS EVEN TO DROP IN AND
SEE YOU AT SOME POINT. UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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